



# County News Now

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## Cuyahoga County Resources, Services and Information for You



### Making SNAP Applications Easier

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food benefits so families can buy groceries. During the pandemic and associated economic downturn, many families that never needed help before are reaching out and applying for SNAP benefits. In November, Cuyahoga Job and Family Services saw 24,000 more calls this year than they did in 2019. While CJFS is working on several ways to decrease phone wait times, there are a few things to know about applying for benefits that can be done before hopping on the phone or applying online to make your experience smoother.

[Ways to Apply for SNAP](#)



### Road Improvements Proposed in 27 Municipalities

Cuyahoga County has expanded its proposed investment between two County road programs, which would span across 27 municipalities in need of road improvement projects and would total over \$17 million. County Council will consider the approval for various projects across municipalities including Bedford Heights, East Cleveland, Parma, and many others. Typically, cities are responsible for road improvements, but the County took a look at the communities facing higher levels of poverty and lower economic health and wanted to specifically do improvements in these areas to emphasize our continued dedication to investing in communities with a high need for

See the Road Projects Map



### Stay at Home Advisory Extended to January 15, 2021

Cuyahoga County and the Board of Health will be extending the Stay at Home Advisory to be effective through January 15, 2021. The Advisory encourages residents to stay home to the greatest extent possible due to the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the county. Residents are advised to only leave their home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking medical care, purchasing essential items from a grocery store or pharmacy, picking up prepared food, or receiving deliveries.

Read the Resolution

### Be On Alert for Job Scams

The Department of Consumer Affairs warns residents to watch out for job scams. This year job scams have cost Americans more than \$150 million, according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission, a Cuyahoga County Scam Squad partner. Consumer Affairs has helpful tips to spotting a scam, and residents should report scams to the Scam Squad at 216-443-7226 or by using the scam reporting form on [their website](#).

Helpful Tips for Avoiding a Job Scam